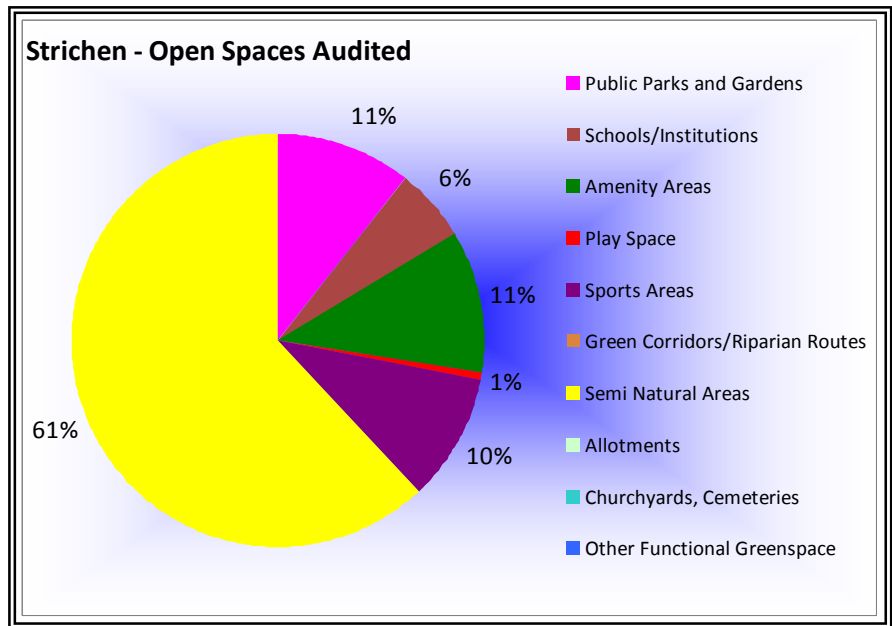


## Settlement Summary: Strichen

Population: 954

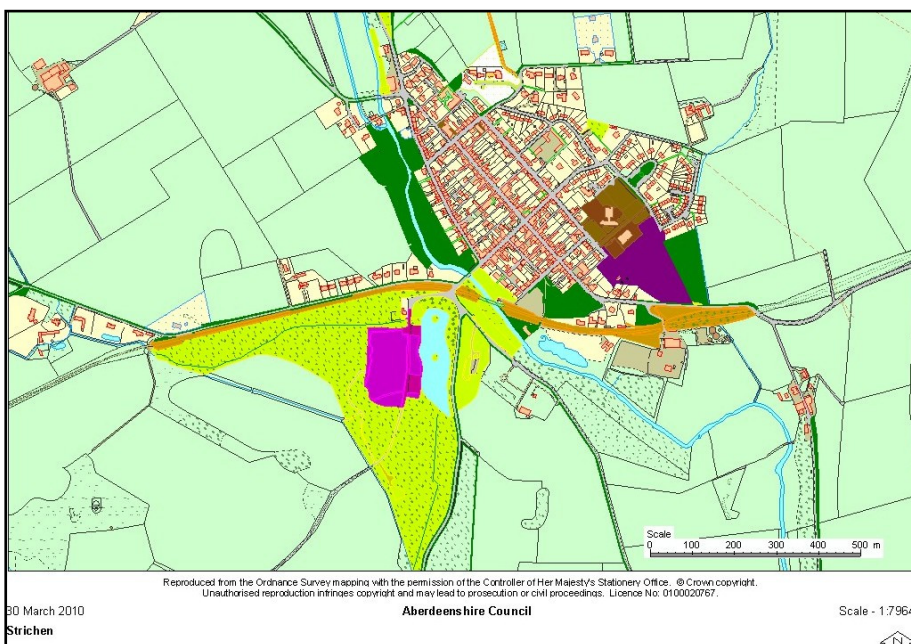
### Observations (of Community Council)

- Make use of Strichen market ground for events
- Improvements to path on greenspace at housing estate
- Improve surface at play area; provide more seating and bins
- Provide more disabled access at bowling green
- Provide formal path and planting, and more seating and bins, at playing field.



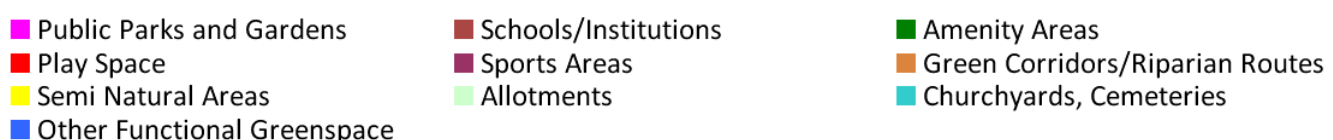
### Green Network Links

The Core Paths Plan details a number of paths in and around the village, including the adjacent Formartine and Buchan Way linking to Fraserburgh in the north, and Maud to the south. The North Ugie Water runs northwest to southeast through Strichen, adjoining areas being valuable in terms of their biodiversity and flooding function. With public open space located mainly at the edge of the village, there is little scope to build in or enhance green links to surrounding countryside. This element should however be integral to any new development.



### Open Space Requirements

Relatively few open space requirements were noted in Strichen, those recommended by auditors being agreed by the Community Council and listed above. The significant proportion of semi-natural areas, together with the area of public parks and gardens, derives from the inclusion of Newton Wood and Strichen Community Park in the overall calculation for open space.



## Open Space Audit Update 2019: Strichen

An update exercise was carried out in 2019 to account for new open spaces arising from major developments completed since the Open Space Audit 2010, and to address any known disparities/gaps in information. The scope of the update exercise did not include a review of the Open Space Audit 2010. The Audit update 2019 has been used to assist in the preparation of the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020.

**This is an interim Audit.** Whilst this information will feed into a future comprehensive Open Space Audit, at this stage there may be some auditing inconsistencies across settlements due to factors such as community interest, and landscape/topography influencing how open spaces are identified, particularly at and around the edges of settlement.

Allotments are excluded as these are audited separately as part of the Food Growing Strategy 2019-2030.

**There are no updates to the Open Space Audit 2010.**